



Weekly Newsletter  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Headteacher's News

Over the last fortnight at St Mary's, the children became '**Agents of Change**' in RE lessons, trying to persuade others to make a positive change for the good of the local or the world community. The children decided what cause they would promote and how to promote it.

The various class campaigns included the following: 5A made leaflets urging others to **recycle** more; Y1A made speeches in the playground against **pollution**; 2M aimed to make good use of the **food left over** by the school kitchen; 3A put up **healthy eating** posters in a local dentist surgery waiting room; 4M raised awareness of **climate change**; Y6 wrote letters to the local MP Stella Creasy on the use of **single-use plastic**; while other Y6 children encouraged others to **grow their own veg**. One Y6 pupil, **Aaron**, was inspired to make a video at home at home about the perils of plastic, which was great to see. It was fantastic to see the children pursuing their own plans and taking some early steps in becoming active citizens, making a positive contribution to the society they live in.

*Mr O'Brien, Headteacher*

## St Mary's PFA Christmas Fair

Sat 7th Dec, 12-3pm



Look out for the **raffle!** Prizes so far...

4 tickets to see **Disney on Ice** at the O2; 4 tickets to see **Billie Eilish** next summer at the O2; an **Amazon Fire** tablet; a **Family Ice Skating** session at the Lee Valley ice rink.



### School Council Leading the Way for Children In Need

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Children in Need appeal and School Council cake sale on Friday. We raised just short of **£900** – the final amount will be published next week, as money is still coming in today. The **cake sale** in particular was a fantastic event – there are certainly some Star Bakers out there and we had a huge number of fantastic home-made fayre available. We have a large number of shop-bought cakes which were unopened, so we will sell what we have left at our Black History event on Friday.

### Christmas Card Project – Deadline Next Monday!!

Your child should have brought home on Friday their artwork with a QR code to enable you to order any required items from our **Christmas card project**.

Items can be purchased from [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk)

The final deadline for orders is **Monday 25th November**. All orders made will be back with the school by **Thursday 5th December** and ready to be sent home for the festive season.

Any queries please contact the office or Mrs Satari.



## Robotics Workshop

Last week, Y5 took place in a **VEX IQ robotics workshop** where we got hands-on with robots to explore the world of engineering and STEM. Pairs were set a challenge: use the robots to move two blue cubes from one end to the other within two minutes, while another pair moved two red cubes; this involved teamwork, communication, problem solving and a serious amount of skill to avoid collision. It was interesting to find out about the different motors, cogs and wheel types that could be used to build robots as well as the different ways they can be controlled. We soon realised that the key to winning this game-based engineering challenge was to talk to each other and come up with a strategy – Robot Wars here we come!

*Report written by: Jermaine, Penelope, Dawid, Scarlett (Y5 Digital Leaders)*



### School Nurse Drop-in 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every Month - 3pm to 4.30pm

The School Nurse will do the next of her monthly drop-ins to St Mary's on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** from 3pm to 4.30pm. She is available to talk about any physical or mental health issues. Come to the office if you would like to meet with her, no appointment required.

School Nurse  
Drop-In **NHS**



### House Captains and Head Boy/Girl

Well done to the newly-appointed St Mary's House Captains, **Ameen, Jada-Marie, Nico, Milo, Marc and Daisy** and to our Head Boy and Girl are **Ellis and Amiya**. All the children are very excited about their new roles and ready to be fabulous ambassadors for the school. They join the School Council meeting each fortnight and have some great ideas on how to improve the school. Meanwhile the **School Council** have all received their badges to mark them out as their class representatives.

### Black History Month Event

Don't forget about our Black History Month event after school this **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** from 3.30 to 5pm. See the poster on the next page. We would love to see you there!

### Pupil Premium Prize Draw

You may recall that a few weeks ago we sent home a letter asking parents to apply for free school meals if they felt their child was entitled but they were not already claiming. We had 12 parents who returned their form and from those 12, Mr O'Brien picked a winning application. Congratulations to the family who completed their form and have been awarded their **prize of £100** just in time for Christmas!

### Star of the Week



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded Star of the Week in assembly on Friday:

1A	Dylan R	3A	Sophie	5A	Jenson
1M	Ronli	3M	Amarion	5M	Peter
1W	Roman	3W	Dulcie	5W	Ellis
2A	Thea E	4A	Hailey	6A	Zavier
2M	Hartley	4M	Ethan	6M	Jude
2W	Arthur I	4W	Sami	6W	Samantha

***YRec-Attlee's Pet Snail!***



Join us to celebrate

# A WALK THROUGH BLACK HISTORY



**AN EXHIBITION OF ART AND CULTURE!**

**22ND OF NOVEMBER 3:30PM - 5:00PM**

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**LIVE DANCING AND DRUMMING**

**WORKSHOPS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CULTURE!**

**SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMING LIVE FOR THE FIRST TIME!**

**TASTE THE CARIBBEAN WITH HOMEMADE FOOD!**

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

### Whole School Attendance

The whole school attendance target is 96.5% and last week we achieved 96.82%. Well done to 3 Morris who had perfect 100% attendance last week. Attendance overall this year has been **96.59%**.

### Reception Intake September 2020

Children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 will need to apply this year between October and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 for admission in September 2020. We have a series of Open Days/Evenings as follows:

Monday 9th December at 6pm  
Monday 13th January 2020 at 10am.

Please share with any interested parties.

### Finance Matters

Thank you to those parents who have been able to make payments since we requested last week. There are still some payments outstanding, so we ask, if not already paid, that parents of children in **years 3, 4, 5 and 6** make payment for the two outstanding items - £10 for the **book deposit**, and £20 for the **Panto** and that parents of children in Year 6 pay their £50 deposit to pay for the **summer residential trip**. The **KS1 Panto** has also been added to ParentPay and a payment of £2.50 per child is now due from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please could we ask that if you have not already done so, payment is made to these items at your earliest convenience. Many thanks.

### Flu Vaccination

If you have not yet returned the flu vaccination form, please could you do so, whether or not you want your child to be vaccinated.

### Parent Workshops

During the course of the year we will be running a series of Parent Workshops on a number of subjects that parents may find useful. The workshop will begin at 3.45 and will last between 30 minutes and an hour. There will be a crèche for your child, should you wish to attend.

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Cyber Safety
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Phonics, Reading and Homework
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Homework
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Stories
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Fabulous Phonics
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Magic Maths
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Calculation Workshop
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Free Online Learning
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Science
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Gifted and Talented
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	History Projects
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Handsome Handwriting
Tuesday 24 <sup>rd</sup> March	RE Curriculum
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Sharing Age Related Expectations
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Writing
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Developing Your Child's Creativity
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	SRE Workshop
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Creative Curriculum
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND (By Invitation only)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Values and Growth Mindset

### Dates for your Diary

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<i>Class Assembly 5 Attlee at 9.00am</i>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<i>Black History Month Celebration in the school hall, 3.30 to 5.00pm</i>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Flu Vaccination in school – Years R to Year 6</i>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>Class Assembly 5 Wilson at 9.00am</i>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>KS2 Panto at Hackney Empire</i>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December, 12-3pm	<i>PFA Christmas Fair</i>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>Reception 2020 Open Day at 6pm</i>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>9.30am – Morris Houses in Church for nativity 2pm – Attlee Houses in Church for nativity</i>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>9.30am – Wilson Houses in Church for nativity</i>

Our term dates follow on the last page of this newsletter. Please be aware that the early May Bank Holiday has changed, and has not been particularly well publicised. The Bank Holiday is no longer [Monday 4th May](#) and has been changed to [Friday 8th May](#).

### Useful Contacts

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Church: [www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk](http://www.walthamstowchurch.org.uk)

### General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

The new GDPR is now in force. The Data Protection Officer (DPO) is responsible for overseeing this policy and developing data-related policies and guidelines. Please contact the DPO with any questions about the operation of this policy or the GDPR or if you have any concerns that this policy is not being or has not been followed.

The DPO's contact details are as follows:

**Data Protection Officer:** Craig Stilwell, **Address:** Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE

**Email:** [dataservices@judicium](mailto:dataservices@judicium)

## Dates for 2019-2020

### Autumn Term 2019

Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Second half (40 days)

Start - Monday 28th October

End – Friday 20th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

### Spring Term 2020

First half (29 days)

**INSET - Monday 6th January 2020**

Start – Tuesday 7th January 2020

End – Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

Second Half (30 days)

Start – Monday 24th February 2020

End – Friday 3d April 2020

Easter Holiday Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

### Summer Term 2020

First Half (24 days)

Start - Monday 20 April 2020

End Friday 22nd May

Bank Holidays Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May (during half term)

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

**NB: THE EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY HAS CHANGED FROM MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Second Half (35days)

Start – Monday 1st June

Finish Friday 17th July

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up by staff from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days.